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WASHINGTON, June 16, 1983 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 11 totaled an estimated 16.3 billion ton-miles, 1.8 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1983 was an estimated 352.5 billion ton-miles, 4.4 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 11 totaled 370,750 cars, 0.8 percent below 1982, but 13.9 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.9 percent in the West, but down 4.2 in the East and 2.6 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1982, 11 of the 21 commodity groups were up. Metallic ores posted a gain of 44.7 percent, while loadings of lumber and wood products and nonmetallic minerals each increased by 16.2 percent. Twenty of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 4 totaled 39,326 cars, up 24.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1982, and 66,842 trailers and/or containers, 21.5 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 938,877 cars, 19.0 percent higher than last year, and 1,610,806 trailers and/or containers, up 14.8 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/11/83:

	Loadings in Week ended June 11, 1983		Change from Corresponding Week 1982			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	21,512	D	2,679	11.1	I	4,554	26.9
Other farm products	4,795	D	57	1.2	I	1,276	36.3
Metallic ores	21,822	I	6,741	44.7	I	3,188	17.1
Coal	104,072	D	14,366	12.1	I	12,848	14.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,527	I	1,193	11.5	I	1,817	18.7
Nonmetallic minerals	10,871	I	1,519	16.2	I	171	1.6
Grain mill products	11,877	I	672	6.0	I	1,587	15.4
Food and kindred products	10,955	D	1,957	15.2	I	1,065	10.8
Primary forest products	14,360	D	1,617	10.1	I	935	7.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,824	I	1,091	16.2	I	1,322	20.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,819	D	1,102	6.9	I	272	1.9
Chemicals and allied products	22,374	I	795	3.7	I	2,409	12.1
Petroleum products	4,724	I	134	2.9	I	614	14.9
Stone, clay and glass products	11,227	I	697	6.6	I	1,284	12.9
Coke	5,426	I	885	19.5	I	211	4.0
Metals and products	7,965	D	957	10.7	D	50	0.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,103	I	1,794	10.4	I	3,624	23.4
Waste and scrap materials	8,411	D	84	1.0	I	1,562	22.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,140	D	261	3.1	I	1,056	14.9
All other carloads	48,662	I	5,912	13.8	I	5,589	13.0
LCL traffic	284	D	1,225	81.2	I	58	25.7
Total Cars Loaded	370,750	D	2,872	0.8	I	45,392	13.9
Corresponding week of 1982	373,622						

	1983	1982	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks)	8,054,423	8,705,540	D 7.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
22 weeks ended June 4	336.2	352.8	D 4.7
Week ended June 11	16.3	16.0	I 1.8
23 weeks cumulative	352.5	368.8	D 4.4

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